

XXXII.—On four new Species of Asiatic Birds.

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Pellorneum subochraceum, n. sp.

Like *P. ruficeps*, Swainson, of India, but smaller, with less deep bill and shorter tarse. Crown richer rufous, with a distinct pale buff eye-streak extending to the nape. Breast, flanks, and vent buff, leaving the belly nearly white; the breast streaked with a few long, olive-brown arrow-head marks. Length 5·8 inches; wing 2·7, tail 2·6.

My single specimen of this bird was collected in the Tenasserim provinces, and sent to me some years ago by Mr. Blyth. My *P. ruficeps* is from Mr. Beavan's collection.

Pecile baicalensis, n. sp.

Like *P. carolinensis*, Aud., of North America, from which it differs in having the black throat-mark confined to the throat and under neck, and not expanding under the cheeks; the black feathers are, moreover, broadly edged with white. Its flanks have a very slight tint of brown. Its wing-feathers are more broadly edged with white; and the white is clouded with grey, and not so pure as in the other. It is paler on the back and rump, with but little tinge of buff. It is of similar size. Wings more graduated; tarse short; toes very short and thick.

Hab. Trans Baikal.

Two specimens of this interesting form were received from the Lake-Baikal region, in company with several of *P. kamtschatkensis*, Bp. They were sent to M. Jules Verreaux by M. Tacsanowsky of Warsaw.

Family Alaudidæ.

Mirafra borneënsis, n. sp.

Similar in coloration to *M. javanica* (Horsf.) of Java. Bill straighter and more conical, not so *pyrrhuline*, with much longer *crura* to the lower mandible; wing longer, and not so rounded; toes, especially the middle one, shorter. Entire length 5·75 inches; wing 2·9, tail 2·3.

Hab. Borneo (Banjermassing). Collected by Mr. A. R. Wallace.

Mirafra parva, n. sp.

Bill similar in form to that of the last; coloration similar, but with less rufous. Can at once be distinguished by its small bill and miniature size. Length 5·1 inches; wing 2·6, tail 2.

Hab. Flores. Collected by Mr. A. R. Wallace.